Canadians prioritize national infrastructure projects even over possible regional, Indigenous, or environmental opposition.

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This research gauges the opinion of Canadians on decision-making around major infrastructure projects.

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The statistical tabulations including the unweighted and weighted number of interviews can be accessed here.

The research was commissioned by CTV News and was conducted by Nanos Research.

About the Research

KEY FINDINGS

1

MAJORITY OF CANADIANS SUPPORT OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS DESPITE PROVINCIAL OPPOSITION

Just over three in four Canadians support (47%) or somewhat support (30%) the federal government going forward with major infrastructure projects that are said to be in the national interest, even if some provinces are against it. Ontario residents (85%) are more likely to support or somewhat support the federal government infrastructure projects compared to Quebec residents (62%). Additionally, men (83%) are more likely to also support or somewhat support the government moving forward with infrastructure projects in the national best interest even in the face of provincial opposition than women (71%) are to have the same opinion.

2

SEVEN IN TEN CANADIANS SUPPORT OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS EVEN IF INDIGENOUS NATIONS ARE OPPOSED

Majority of Canadians support (44%) or somewhat support (26%) the federal government going forward with major infrastructure projects that are said to be in the national interest, even if some Indigenous nations are against it. Residents of the Prairies are more likely to support or somewhat support (80%) the federal government moving forward compared to Quebec residents (59%). Similarly, Men are more likely to support or somewhat support it (78%) than women (63%).

3

CANADIANS SUPPORT OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT DEVELOPING ARCTIC LAND AS AN OIL AND GAS SHIPMENT ROUTE EVEN IF THERE ARE ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

Three in five Canadians support (31%) or somewhat support (29%) Canada developing Arctic land as an oil and gas shipment route even if there are environmental concerns while just over one in three oppose (16%) or somewhat oppose (20%). Men (69%) are more likely to support or somewhat support that development compared to women (52%).

4

MORE THAN HALF OF CANADIANS OPPOSE OR SOMEWHAT OPPOSE INDIGENOUS NATIONS HAVING THE POWER TO BLOCK INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Over half of Canadians oppose (34%) or somewhat oppose (25%) Indigenous nations having the power to block the development of major infrastructure projects in Canada if they will be affected by the project. Residents in the Prairies (71%) are more likely to oppose or somewhat oppose to it compared to those in the Atlantic region (47%).

Decision-making in major infrastructure projects

Majority of Canadians support or somewhat support the federal government going forward with major infrastructure projects that are said to be in the national interest, even if some provinces (47% support; 30% somewhat support) or indigenous nations (44% support; 26% somewhat support) are against it. Moreover, three in five Canadians support (31%) or somewhat support (29%) Canada developing Arctic land as an oil and gas shipment route even if there are environmental concerns and just under two in five support (15%) or somewhat support (23%) Indigenous nations having the power to block the development of major infrastructure projects in Canada if they will be affected by the project.

Q – Would you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose the following: [RANDOMIZE]

The federal government going forward with major infrastructure projects that are said to be in the national interest, even if some provinces are against it | 47% | 30% | 11% | 8% | 4%

The federal government going forward with major infrastructure projects that are said to be in the national interest, even if some Indigenous nations are against it | 44% | 26% | 13% | 12% | 5%

Canada developing Arctic land as an oil and gas shipment route even if there are environmental concerns | 31% | 29% | 16% | 20% | 4%
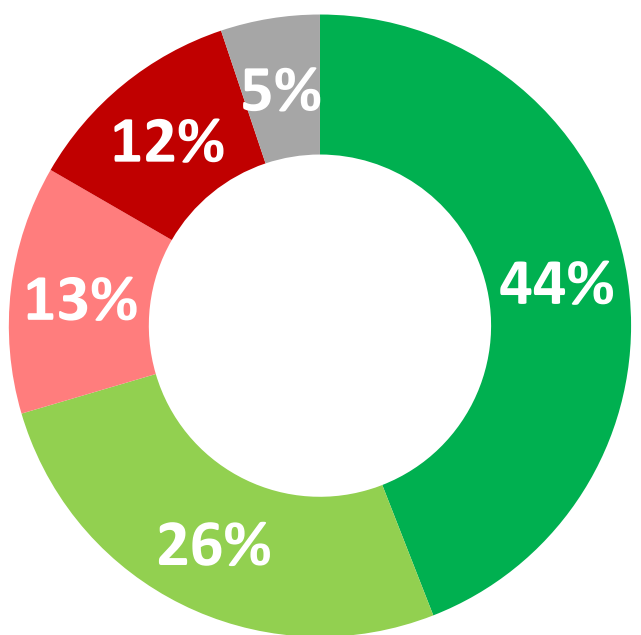
Indigenous nations having the power to block the development of major infrastructure projects in Canada if they will be affected by the project | 15% | 23% | 25% | 34% | 4%

0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%

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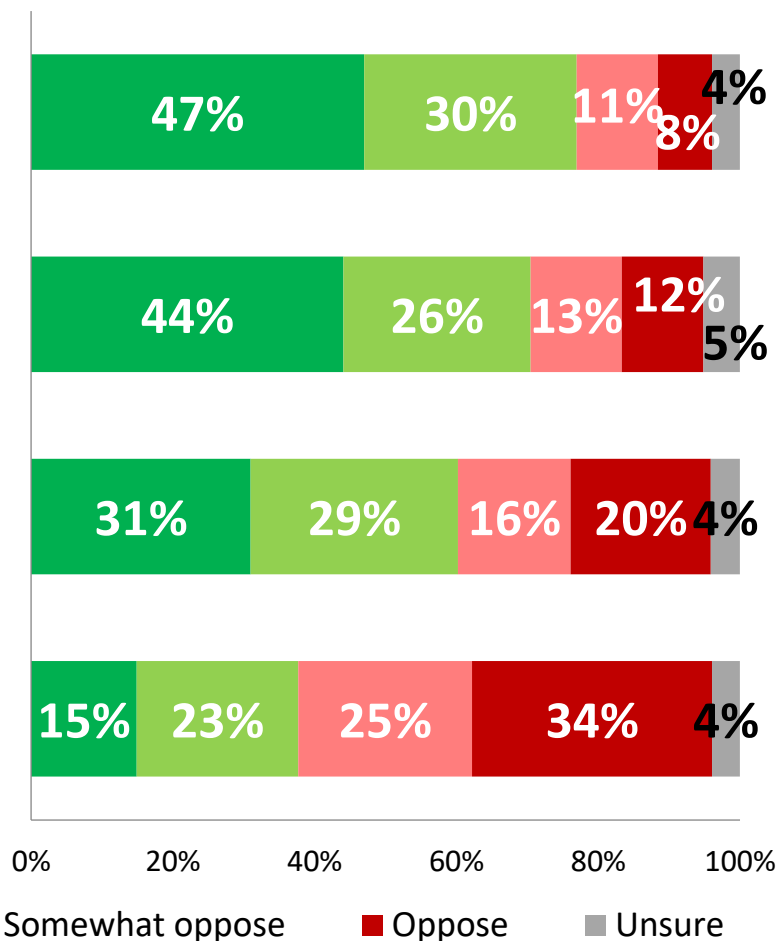
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Support for Federal Projects Despite Indigenous Concerns

44% Support
26% Somewhat support
13% Somewhat oppose
12% Oppose
5% Unsure

- ■ Support
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- ■ Unsure

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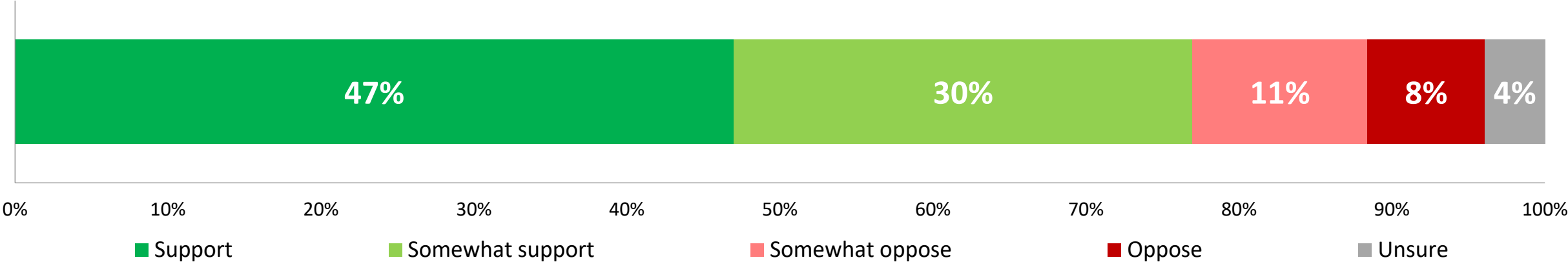*Charts may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

Support/Somewhat support	Atlantic (n=95)	Quebec (n=208)	Ontario (n=337)	Prairies (n=228)	BC (n=166)
	59.6%	59.2%	74.0%	80.2%	72.0%
	Men (n=540)	Women (n=494)	18 to 34 (n=195)	35 to 54 (n=426)	55 plus (n=413)
	78.0%	63.2%	59.8%	70.2%	77.6%

Oppose/Somewhat oppose	Atlantic (n=95)	Quebec (n=208)	Ontario (n=337)	Prairies (n=228)	BC (n=166)
	29.0%	33.0%	21.0%	16.6%	27.2%
	Men (n=540)	Women (n=494)	18 to 34 (n=195)	35 to 54 (n=426)	55 plus (n=413)
	17.6%	31.0%	31.9%	25.6%	18.6%

Q – Would you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose the following: [RANDOMIZE] **The federal government going forward with major infrastructure projects that are said to be in the national interest, even if some Indigenous nations are against it**

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Support for Federal Projects Despite Provincial Concerns

| 47% | 30% | 11% | 8% | 4% |

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Support/Somewhat support	72.2%	62.2%	84.9%	81.6%	75.9%	83.0%	71.2%	71.5%	76.7%	80.7%
Oppose/Somewhat oppose	20.2%	32.3%	12.6%	15.1%	19.7%	14.2%	23.7%	22.4%	19.1%	17.0%

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Support for Indigenous nations' power to block major infrastructure projects that affect them

15%

23%

25%

34%

4%

- 🟩 Support
- 🟩 Somewhat support
- 🟥 Somewhat oppose
- 🟥 Oppose
- ⬜ Unsure

Support/Somewhat support	Atlantic (n=95)	Quebec (n=208)	Ontario (n=337)	Prairies (n=228)	BC (n=166)
	44.3%	43.0%	35.8%	28.0%	43.1%
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	31.2%	43.9%	37.3%	40.9%	35.4%

Oppose/Somewhat oppose	Atlantic (n=95)	Quebec (n=208)	Ontario (n=337)	Prairies (n=228)	BC (n=166)
	47.4%	51.9%	59.9%	70.5%	54.9%
	Men (n=540)	Women (n=494)	18 to 34 (n=195)	35 to 54 (n=426)	55 plus (n=413)
	65.5%	51.5%	57.2%	55.2%	61.6%

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Q – Would you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose the following: [RANDOMIZE] **Indigenous nations having the power to block the development of major infrastructure projects in Canada if they will be affected by the project**

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Support for development of Arctic land as an oil and gas shipment route
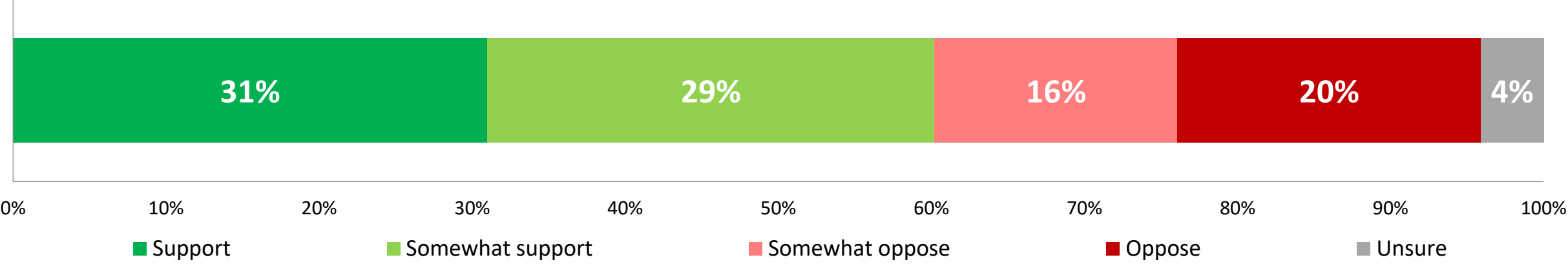
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Support/Somewhat support	47.4%	48.6%	65.1%	71.6%	57.8%	68.5%	52.2%	49.7%	62.7%	65.1%
Oppose/Somewhat oppose	48.5%	45.5%	31.2%	23.4%	41.2%	28.4%	42.7%	41.7%	35.1%	32.2%

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Individuals randomly called using random digit dialling with a maximum of five call backs.

The margin of error for this survey is ±3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

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Full data tables with weighted and unweighted number of interviews is here.

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METHODOLOGY

Element	Description
Research sponsor	CTV News
Population and Final Sample Size	1034 Randomly selected individuals.
Source of Sample	Nanos Probability Panel
Type of Sample	Probability
Margin of Error	±3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.
Mode of Survey	RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) hybrid telephone and online omnibus survey
Sampling Method Base	The sample included both land- and cell-lines RDD (Random Digit Dialed) across Canada.
Demographics (Captured)	Atlantic Canada, Quebec, Ontario, Prairies, British Columbia; Men and Women; 18 years and older. Six digit postal code was used to validate geography.
Fieldwork/Validation	Individuals were recruited using live interviews with live supervision to validate work, the research questions were administered online
Number of Calls	Maximum of five call backs to those recruited.
Time of Calls	Individuals recruited were called between 12-5:30 pm and 6:30-9:30pm local time for the respondent.
Field Dates	July 31st to August 6th, 2025.
Language of Survey	The survey was conducted in both English and French.
Standards	Nanos Research is a member of the Canadian Research Insights Council (CRIC) and confirms that this research fully complies with all CRIC Standards including the CRIC Public Opinion Research Standards and Disclosure Requirements. https://canadianresearchinsightscouncil.ca/standards/

Element	Description
Weighting of Data	The results were weighted by age and gender using the latest Census information (2021) and the sample is geographically stratified to ensure a distribution across all regions of Canada. See tables for full weighting disclosure
Screening	Screening ensured potential respondents did not work in the market research industry, in the advertising industry, in the media or a political party prior to administering the survey to ensure the integrity of the data.
Excluded Demographics	Individuals younger than 18 years old; individuals without land or cell lines, and individuals without internet access could not participate.
Stratification	By age and gender using the latest Census information (2021) and the sample is geographically stratified to be representative of Canada. Smaller areas such as Atlantic Canada were marginally oversampled to allow for a minimum regional sample.
Estimated Response Rate	10 percent, consistent with industry norms.
Question Order	Question order in the preceding report reflects the order in which they appeared in the original questionnaire.
Question Content	Topics on the omnibus ahead of the survey content included: views on political issues, views on economic issues.
Question Wording	The questions in the preceding report are written exactly as they were asked to individuals.
Research/Data Collection Supplier	Nanos Research
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Tabulations	By region, age and gender

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